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SUBJECT: RUBBER: ANRPC NATURAL RUBBER PRICE STABILIZATION
SCHEME

1. JANUARY 1976 ISSUE OF "NATURAL RUBBER NEWS," PUBLISHED
BY US OFFICE OF MALAYSIAN RUBBER BUREAU (MRB) CARRIES
ARTICLE ON ASSOCIATION OF NATURAL RUBBER PRODUCING
COUNTRIES (ANRPC) EFFORT TO DEVELOP NATURAL RUBBER PRICE
STABILIZATION SCHEME. ARTICLE INCLUDES FOLLOWING SENTENCE:
"OPERATIONAL DETAILS NOW ARE BEING WORKED OUT BY THE ANRPC,
AND THE WORLD BANK AND US GOVERNMENT HAVE INDICATED THAT
BOTH COULD COOPERATE IF SUCH A PLAN WERE PRESENTED."

2. FOREGOING SENTENCE COULD BE MISINTERPRETED AS
SIGNIFYING A CHANGE IN US POSITION ON ANRPC PRICE
STABILIZATION SCHEME. ACTUALLY, WHAT USG HAS STATED ON
NUMBER OF OCCASIONS IS THAT USG WILL GIVE ANRPC PRICE
STABILIZATION SCHEME CAREFUL STUDY IF AND WHEN SUCH A
SCHEME IS PRESENTED BY ANRPC. WE HAVE NOT GONE BEYOND THIS
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STATEMENT, AND ARE UNABLE TO DO SO UNTIL AFTER WE HAVE

SEEN DETAILS OF SCHEME AND GIVEN THEM CAREFUL STUDY.

3. ON SEEING ARTICLE REFERRED TO IN PARA ONE ABOVE,
DEPTOFF DISCUSSED IT WITH AUTHOR (RALPH DUBROWIN OF MRB'S

WASHINGTON OFFICE), WHO SAID HE WAS AWARE OF US POSITION
AS OUTLINED PARA TWO ABOVE, AND SAID THAT THIS WAS
MEANING HE INTENDED SENTENCE TO CONVEY. HOWEVER, HE
CONCEDED THAT SENTENCE AS WRITTEN WAS SUBJECT TO MIS-
INTERPRETATION, AND SAID THAT IN ANY FOLLOW-UP ARTICLES
ON ANRPC PRICE STABILIZATION SCHEME HE WOULD CLARIFY US
POSITION.

4. THIS INFORMATION IS BEING BROUGHT TO POSTS' ATTENTION
IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO ANY
INQUIRIES THAT MIGHT ARISE AS RESULT OF MRB ARTICLE.
LONDON SHOULD BRING FOREGOING TO ATTENTION OF IRSG
SECRETARIAT.

5. DURING OCTOBER 1975 IRSG ASSEMBLY IN JAKARTA, ANRPC
SPOKESMAN INFORMED ASSEMBLY THAT ANRPC MEMBERSHIP WAS
HOPEFUL OF REACHING FINAL AGREEMENT ON DETAILS OF PRICE
STABILIZATION SCHEME BY END OF 1975. DEPARTMENT WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION POSTS MAY BE ABLE TO DEVELOP
ON WHERE MATTERS NOW STAND. KISSINGER

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